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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS), SY

SUBJECT: SECVISIT TO MIDDLE EAST - SYRIA AND LEBANON

REF: DAMASCUS 4674 (NOTAL)

1. FOLLOWING ARE COMMENTS ON SUGGESTIONS PROPOSED BY
EMBASSY.

A. SECRETARY AND MRS. VANCE WILL ATTEND DINNER IF PRO-
POSED BY KHADDAMS. ASSUME OTHER MEMBERS OF OFFICIAL
PARTY WOULD ALSO BE INVITED.

B. WE UNDERSTAND CUSTOM IN SYRIA IS FOR VISITING FOREIGN
MINISTERS TO HOST RETURN DINNERS FOR SYRIAN FOREIGN
MINISTER. IF THIS IS THE CASE, SECRETARY AND MRS. VANCE
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AGREE TO HOST DINNER AT RESIDENCE FOR KHADDAMS AUGUST 4.
ENTIRE OFFICIAL PARTY SHOULD BE AT DINNER.

C. MRS. VANCE AGREES TO TEA WITH MRS. KHADDAM IF PROPOSED
BY MFA.

D. MRS. VANCE AGREES TO CALL ON MRS. ASAD. WILL TRANS-

LATOR BE REQUIRED FOR THIS AS WELL AS FOR CALL ON
MRS. KHADDAM?

2. RE OTHER ACTIVITIES PROPOSED FOR MRS. VANCE, SHE
WOULD PREFER NOT TO MAKE VISIT TO PALMYRA. SHE WOULD,
HOWEVER, LIKE TO VISIT OMAYYAD MOSQUE, NATIONAL MUSEUM,
AND SOUK. RE RECOMMENDATION THAT SECRETARY VISIT U.S.
PAVILLION AT INTERNATIONAL FAIR, WE SUGGEST THAT MRS.
VANCE DO THIS INSTEAD OF SECRETARY MORNING OF AUGUST 5.

3. AFTER DISCUSSIONS WITH MFA, PLEASE SUBMIT SEPARATE
SCHEDULE FOR MRS. VANCE.

4. FOR BEIRUT AND DAMASCUS: WE ARE REVISING ARRIVAL/
DEPARTURE TIMES ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3
1030 DEPART ALEXANDRIA
1200 ARRIVE BEIRUT

1600 DEPART BEIRUT
1730 ARRIVE DAMASCUS.

REVISED ITINERARY WILL BE SENT SEPTTEL.

5. FOR DAMASCUS: MRS VANCE WOULD APPRECIATE A HAIRDRESSER
BEING AVAILABLE AT SOME POINT DURING VISIT TO DAMASCUS.
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